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Gray advised that there was very tight security on the fourth floor of Campaign Headquarters and that outside [redacted] office door was a receptionist and a security guard. Gray emphasized that it would be almost impossible for [redacted] to simply walk into [redacted] office.

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Gray was shown copies of the following documents:
A memorandum for the Senior Staff, dated October 2, 1980, from [redacted] subject, Update of OMB Analysis of Budgetary Effects of Republican Economic Proposals, attached to this memo was three pages entitled Analysis of Republican Budgetary Goals; copy of the White House Press Office Inflation Report, dated October 3, 1980; copy of a memorandum to Bob Gray, [redacted] Ed Meese, from [redacted] re Jimmy Carter's schedule, October 28 - November 3, dated October 27, 1980, attached to it was a White House memorandum for the Cabinet, dated October 20, 1980, from [redacted] and [redacted] subject, Economic Information, attached to it were four pages entitled Guidance on September CPI; and a White House memorandum for the Cabinet, dated October 10, 1980, from [redacted] subject, Economic Information. Gray advised that the first time that he recalls seeing any of these documents were approximately one to two weeks ago when [redacted] a Washington Post reporter, interviewed Gray and produced the copies of the above documents. Gray does not recall seeing any of these documents prior to that time, however, he may have. Gray cannot recall [redacted] producing these documents during the Reagan campaign. Gray advised that the "OPED" entitled "Little White House Lies," signed by [redacted] for signature [redacted] [redacted] was unfamiliar to him during the campaign. Gray, however, does recall that the subject of "Jimmie the figures" was a heated issue during the campaign. Gray also advised, that if he had suggested to [redacted] that [redacted] sign such an "OPED" piece, Gray personally would have called [redacted] and would not have asked [redacted] to do so. Gray commented on the October 27, 1980, memo from [redacted] entitled Jimmie Carter's Schedule, October 28 - November 3, and stated that this information was public on October 25, 1980, and does not feel that the information [redacted] furnished would have been helpful. Gray advised that if he had seen the word "mole," he would have been suspect to any information from such individual and would have asked questions in an attempt to verify their veracity.

Gray advised that on two occasions, he rode with [redacted] to Wexford, Virginia, to view the mock debate between David Stockman and Ronald Reagan. At no time did Casey or he discuss Carter briefing papers. Gray was shown a copy of the Carter briefing material obtained from [redacted] [redacted] files and advised that if he had seen such documents

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during the campaign he, for sure, would have confronted [redacted] Gray stated that it is neither unethical or immoral during a campaign for one opponent to attempt to get outside information as to the strategy of the opponent, however, planting a "mole" would be out of the question. As Gray was reviewing the Carter briefing material for the first time during the interview, Gray stated that this information seemed to be Carter campaign issues and the only use he could foresee of such briefing material would be using it as a check list. Gray further characterized the briefing papers as being information that even a good eighth grade civic student should know.

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Gray did not return to Campaign Headquarters after the election on November 4, 1980, and is unfamiliar with the disposal of any campaign papers.

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